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ARMED SUSPECT SHOT AFTER POINTING GUN AT OFFICERS

A 21-year-old male was shot by Milwaukee Police after he pointed a gun at them as they attempted to arrest him for outstanding warrants. The suspect is deceased.

The incident happened about 11 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2010. Milwaukee Police received information that a suspect who was wanted on multiple warrants was at a residence in the 1500 block of S. 9th St. We also received information that he had made statements to others indicating he would kill police if they tried to arrest him.

As officers approached the house, the suspect ran from the house and officers pursued him on foot through the yards. At one point, the suspect fell and a gun fell from his person. He retrieved the gun and pointed it at officers. After refusing multiple commands from officers to drop the gun, and fearing for their safety and the safety of others in the area, the officers discharged their weapons striking the suspect. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene.

No officers were injured in the incident.

The suspect has multiple outstanding warrants, including a felony warrant for a shooting, intimidation of a witness, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, and bail jumping.

The officers who discharged their weapons were in uniform and are assigned to District 2. The officers, both male, are a 30-year-old with nearly seven years of service, and a 28-year-old with nearly 10 years of service (that includes his time as a Police Aide).

As is standard operating procedure, the incident is under investigation by the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, and the officers were placed on administrative duty pending the completion of the investigation. The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office will make the final determination in the incident.

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